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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the Application. In response to Appellant's Brief mailed September 15, 2003, the Examiner issued a non-final Office Action of November 7, 2003 adding a rejection of claims 5, 6, and 15 under 35 USC §112 "as being indefinite for failing to contain a reference to claims previously set forth and then specify a further limitation of the subject matter claimed." The Examiner maintained the §102 and §103 rejections which were addressed in Appellant's Brief.

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The Examiner's §112 rejection is respectfully traversed. What Applicant is simply claiming in dependent claims 5, 6, and 15 are instances where the one or more of the "free-spinning disks" are drive disks. Converting a free-spinning disk to a drive disk is a further limitation to a free spinning disk. Therefore this rejection is respectfully requested to be withdrawn. Applicant incorporates the §102 and §103 arguments from Appellant's Brief in response to the Examiner's §102 and §103 which are identically the same as addressed in Appellant's Brief.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and notice of allowance are solicited. If any questions arise which can be disposed through interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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